evolve appropriate monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to ensure qualitative implementation of the programme.

Financial Implications: So far as the financial implications are concerned, the funds available from major central sources for 1986-87 are:

Programme	(Rs. Crores)
1. Social Forestry .	36
2. National Rural Employment Programme and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme earmarking for Social Forestry . .	219

Other allocations are partially available from Desert Development, Drought Prone Areas, Soil Conservation, Dryland Farming and other Programmes.

Besides, the States are expected to provide approximately Rs. 150 crores for the afforestation programme.

Improvement in the Indo-China relations

1235. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the Indo-China relations have improved during the last one year;

(b) whether Government propose to take any special initiatives to further improve these relations; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Efforts to normalise and improve relations with the People's Republic of China continued during 1985. During the 6th Round of Official Level Talks held between India and China in November 1985, both sides commenced substantive discussions on the boundary question. A settlement of the question of Indian Embassy property in Beijing was reached. Programmes of cultural, scientific and technological exchanges in various fields of mutual interest were also finalised. A Trade Protocol between India and China was signed in November, 1985.

(b) and (c) Considerable preparatory work requires to be done and a proper atmosphere conducive to a final settlement of the boundary question has to be created before any special initiatives are undertaken.

Use of microprocessor technology in agriculture, medicine etc.

1236. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that both the Electronics Commission and the Planning Commission were keen on applying the micro-processor technology to vital areas like agriculture, medicines, communications, steel and mines, tests and measuring instruments and industrial controls etc.;

(b) if so, how much will be the Indian participation in the whole programme;

(c) whether the country has the necessary infrastructure for this purpose; and

(d) if the reply to part (c) above be in the negative, whether the efforts will be made to develop the necessary infrastructure within the time schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. The Department of Electronics has launched a project on Microprocessor Application Engineering Programme to promote the microprocessor technology in agriculture, medicine, com-